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	10/796,782	BREWER ET AL.	
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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 December 2006.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 44,81-90,92-98,102-107 and 123 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 44,81-90,92-98,102-107 and 123 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Status of the Claims

Claims 84, 85, 89, 94-98 and 104 have been amended. Claims 44, 81-90, 92-98, 102-107 and 123 are pending. Any objection or rejection not expressly repeated has been withdrawn. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

Claims 44, 81-90, 92-98, 102-107 and 123 are again rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement, as set forth in previous Office actions. The claims contain subject matter that was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention.

Applicant's arguments filed December 12, 2006 have been fully considered but they are not fully persuasive.

Upon reconsideration of Exhibit 3, the examiner agrees that the data support a trend towards regression of CNV, as described by Applicant. However, as in exhibit 5, the dosage falls outside the dosage range supported by the specification.

Regarding dosages, Applicant argues that a "dose of 50 mg/kg in mice roughly corresponds to a dose of 4.2 mg/kg in humans." Applicant cites Freireich to support this statement. However, this reference is drawn to the determination of the maximum tolerated dose

(MTD) in man based on the approximate LD₁₀ in various animals. There is nothing in this reference to support the argument that the same conversion factor of 1/12 is accepted in the art for determining efficacy.

Claims 44, 81-90, 92-98, 102-107 and 123 are again rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claims contain subject matter that was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that Applicant, at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

Applicant's arguments filed December 12, 2006 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant notes that a dosage of about 3.0 mg/kg or so translates into a dosage of about 210 or so for a 70 kg human male and that the specification discloses that daily doses as high as 410 mg/day were used in patients with Wilson's disease. It is not clear that dosages used for the treatment of Wilson's disease (a disease not involving neovascularization) are descriptive of dosages for the recited method. Even if it were, these recited dosages still do not describe the recited range of "greater than 200 mg/kg."

Double Patenting

Claims 44, 83-85, 104, 106, 107, and 116-122 are again rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 43-48 and 57 of U.S. Patent No. 6,703,050, as set forth in the previous Office action.

Claim 44 has added the limitation requiring a loading dosage of greater than 200 mg. In carrying out the invention set forth in the claims, one of ordinary skill would look to the written description of the invention, including dosages outlined. Such loading dosages are disclosed at col 35, lines 10-35. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill to select a dosage set forth in the written description and arrive at the instant invention.

Applicant has previously indicated a willingness to file a terminal disclaimer if necessary upon a finding of allowable subject matter.

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

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Examiner's hours, phone & fax numbers

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Leigh Maier whose telephone number is (571) 272-0656. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 7:00 to 3:30 (ET).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ms. Anna Jiang (571) 272-0627, may be contacted. The fax number for Group 1600, Art Unit 1623 is (571) 273-8300.

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